of the code and propose to submit their recommendations to Government;

(c) if so, whether they have since submitted their recommendations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) No recommendation from National Commission for Women has been received.

Release of compensation to farmers of Jammu and Kashmir

*477. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 203 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd February, 2005 and state:

(a) whether the released amount of compensation has since been distributed to the affected persons; and

(b) by when the total compensation sanctioned is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Out of Rs. 72,29,26,646/- placed at the disposal of concerned Deputy Commissioners (D.C.), a sum of Rs,. 45,29,79,325/- has been disbursed by DCs to the affected persons as on date.

(b) Out of Rs. 75,74,55,358/- sanctioned to the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir as crop/rental compensation for occupation of lands in connection with Operation Parakram, Rs. 72,29,26,646/- has already been released to the Deputy Commissioners. A sum of Rs. 3,17,74,995/-, though sanctioned, was not found admissible later on detailed scrutiny and hence not released. The remaining sum of Rs. 27,53,717/- could not be released earlier due to non verification of sites. The release of said amount is now under process.

Sale of obsolete armaments and equipments as scrap

*478. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Army has proposed to put up for sale, as scrap, a massive inventory of its obsolete armaments and equipments, including the 800 Vijayanta tanks, hundreds of guns and artillery pieces; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the modalities proposed for disposal of the scrap and machinery set up to over-see the mutilation or smelting of the barrels etc. before scrapping the weapons?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Obsolete equipment including vehicles of all types, armament and other equipment are disposed off by the Army in order to maintain proper levels of inventory, through Metal and Scrap Trading Corporation and through ordnance factories.

(b) 767 obsolete Vijayanta tanks have been offered for disposal through e-auction by Metal and Scrap Trading Corporation. These tanks will be stripped of all items of a security nature namely guns, communication equipment, surveillance equipment and will then be mutilated to make them innocuous.

In addition to the above, around 681.72 metric tonnes of armament is awaiting disposal by the ordnance factories under the Ministry of Defence. These items will be dispatched under escort to the ordnance factory where smelting is undertaken and sent direct to the furnace under supervision of a Board of Officers. Scrapped equipment is demilitarised and mutilated before disposal.

Fire safety norms in multi-storey buildings

*479. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 2500 multi-storey buildings in the capital are not adhering to the fire safety norms; and

(b) what action has been taken/is being taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) In a survey conducted in 2003, the Delhi Fire Service had identified 2506 high rise buildings constructed after 1983 which did not have the requisite fire prevention and fire safety arrangements. Delhi Fire Service has initiated action to ensure installation of fire prevention and fire safety measures in high rise buildings which includes issuance of public notices through newspapers calling upon the owners/occupiers of the buildings of more than 15 metres in height to provide fire prevention and fire safety measures in accordance with the